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1. Lokomotiv- und Waggonbau (LO-W), Merdau, Saxony. On 6 February 1952, twenty-nine new coal cars left the factory toward Brest-Litovsk, destined for Rostov, Soviet Union. The assembly line for automobile production is being further enlarged. The 2,000 workmen who were laid off on this account have finally been dismissed, but are promised that they will be taken back when the assembly line is ready. The men dismissed were distributed among other plants in the neighborhood. Part of them went to the Rismar AG. The plant is making parts for tanks in conjunction with the IFA works at Nordhausen, Thuringia. The Merdau factory is manufacturing the tank turrets, which are sent to Nordhausen for further working. On 9 February 1952, about 120 Volkspolizei raid cars left the works in the direction of Dresden-Zwickau.
2. Waelzlager Braunschweig, Thuringia. This plant is working, at the present time, for the Soviet Union and the Rismar AG.
3. IFA-Werk, Berlin-Oberschoeneweide, Ostendstrasse 1-5. On 11 February 1952 the equipment division of the IFA-Werk was moved from the premises in Oberschoeneweide to the Knorr-Brosch works in Rummelsburg. This move makes a great deal of space available for enlargement of the tube production divisions in connection with their increased production plan. New machines and installations, involving large deliveries of material, are needed for the production increase. In connection with the enlargement of the works it is the plan to move the adjacent Soviet army postal station in order to make more room for the IFA works.

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IFA Schlepperwerk, Brandenburg-Havel. Recently 80 passenger cars were left unfinished because of shortages of materials.

5. Ernst Thaelmann Werft, Brandenburg-Havel. This yard builds drifters for the People's Republic (D.R.) fishing industry. The yard has to contend with difficulties over materials and for this reason has made several dismissals.

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